

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Approval of Modification of an Agreement with Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13

Date: August 30, 2001

Recommended Action:

Approve an amendment to the on-going agreement with Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 for services to hearing impaired students. (Exhibit)

Executive Summary:

Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD) and Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 (AEA 13) have for many years had an agreement to provide services to hearing impaired students as a part of their statutory responsibilities. The cost of these services is shared between the public bodies and is paid both in cash contributions and in-kind services. Modification of the existing agreement, which is effective until June 30, 2004, is necessary to reflect new salaries for teachers and changes in the working relationship. Pursuant to Iowa Code §28E.4, such agreements to provide services require approval of the governing board of each public entity involved.

Background:

Students in AEA 13 who are hearing impaired receive services from ISD pursuant to their Individual Educational Program (IEP). An umbrella agreement between the two parties for the purpose of paying for these services has been in effect since July 1, 1999 and continues through June 30, 2004. Because of changes in teachers' salaries and the arrangement for providing staff, the parties propose to modify their obligations to one another pursuant to the umbrella agreement.

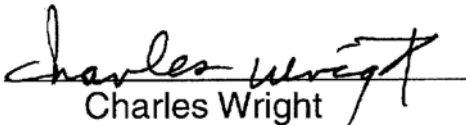
Pursuant to the modification, AEA 13 agrees to --

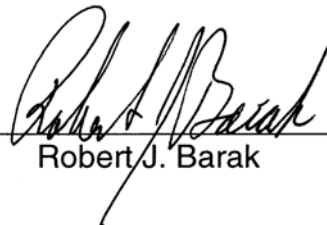
- Fund the cost of media and education services provided to ISD;
- Reimburse mileage for ISD staff providing services;
- Pay to the state \$200 for internet access fees for ISD;
- Pay ISD \$1,440 per year for internet access for the regional office; and
- Pay ISD \$39,451 for an additional itinerant teacher of the hearing impaired.

Pursuant to the modification ISD, agrees to --

- Provide space at ISD for an audiologist and school psychologist provided by AEA 13; and
- Pay to AEA 13 the cost of a school psychologist for 0.9 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and an audiologist for 1.0 FTE. (The cost of these services for FY '02 is \$52,804.)

Superintendent Johnson reports that the cost associated with this modification is fair and equitable to each party. Pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code §28E.4, the Board Office recommends approval of the agreement modification outlined above.


Charles Wright

Approved: 
Robert J. Barak